



From I-75, take exit 128 and go 2.5 miles south on Hwy. 441 to the entrance of the park.



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**Hours of Operation**  
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# TENNESSEE STATE PARKS NORRIS DAM STATE PARK





### **Norris Dam State Park**

is located on the shores of Norris Lake and situated on 4,000 acres in the ridges and valley region of East Tennessee. Great emphasis is being placed on conservation education here at the park to enhance each visitor's perception and appreciation of Tennessee's wealth of natural, historical, and cultural resource treasures.

### **Historical significance**

During construction of Norris Dam, TVA's first project, President Roosevelt sent workers known as the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) to create a recreational park. Many of the facilities that were constructed by the CCC in 1933 -1936 are still in use.

### **Cabins**

The park has 19 rustic cabins and 10 three-bedroom deluxe cabins. Located in a wooded setting, all cabins have outdoor picnic tables, grills, playgrounds and hiking trails. Cabins have bathrooms, kitchens, fireplaces and linens.

### **Meeting Rooms**

Two rooms for gatherings are located on the west section of the park. Meeting Room A seats 20, while the larger Meeting Room B, which is located by the swimming pool, seats 75. These may be reserved up to a year in advance.

### **Camping**

Norris has two camping areas with a total of 75 sites, each have picnic tables, grills, 20/30 electrical amperage and water hookups. Primitive camping area is also available. Campground areas include bathhouses, a dump-station and nearby playgrounds. Sites are available on a first-come basis.

### **Picnic Pavilions and Playgrounds**

Picnic areas are equipped with tables/grills with playgrounds nearby. Two-picnic shelters are available with tables, electricity and bathrooms. A large shelter may be reserved for a fee.

### **Boating**

Located on the shores of Norris Lake, the park offers recreational boating, skiing and fishing. A leased commercial marina is located at the dam.

### **Fishing**

The Clinch River offers fishing opportunities with one of the southeast's premier trout fisheries. Known for its trophy size rockfish and walleye fishing, bass, crappie, bluegill and catfish can also be found at Norris Lake.

### **Hiking**

Approximately 15 miles of wooded trails located throughout the park provide spectacular views of Norris Lake and its surrounding hills and valleys. Horses are not allowed on park trails.

### **Museums**

The park contains three interpretative facilities. The Lenoir Museum has a diverse collection of many artifacts that depict the Appalachian way of life. The 18<sup>th</sup> Century Rice Gristmill, originally constructed in 1798 in Union County, was dismantled and rebuilt on Clear Creek in 1935 by TVA. The Caleb Crosby Threshing Barn was originally built on the Holston River in the 1830's and relocated to its present site in 1978. It displays old farm tools, plows, and a horse drawn wagon.

### **Planned Programs**

Planned interpretative activities such as lake cruises, nature hikes, historical tours, and wildlife programs are offered throughout the year.

### **Swimming**

The swimming complex offers a junior Olympic-sized swimming pool and children's pool. A recreation center adjoins the pool with games and playground.

### **Bike Trails**

Over 15 miles of multi-use dirt and gravel trails, both two lane and single-track offer a challenge in the area.

### **Amphitheatre/Event Venue**

The Tea Room is commonly used for weddings, reunions and receptions. An open amphitheatre is located just across the street. Reservations are required and fees apply.

### **Annual Events**

- Spring Heritage Festival, June
- Wildflower Guided Hikes, late March
- Fall Colors, October